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**Re: Consent Decree for the Butte Mine Flooding Site:
Modification of Schedule**

Dear Chrisna and Bill:

Pursuant to Section 114 of the above-referenced Consent Decree (the "Consent Decree"), the purpose of this letter is to confirm and memorialize the agreement by and among the United States, the State of Montana and the Atlantic Richfield Company ("ARCO") to modify the schedule by which ARCO shall provide alternate financial assurance for the Butte Mine Flooding Site. Specifically, the parties hereby agree that the 30-day period specified in Paragraph 46 of the Consent Decree within which ARCO must provide "alternate financial assurance," shall be increased to 60 days with respect to the determination in EPA's letter of September 20, 2010. ARCO reserves its rights to invoke the dispute resolution provisions of Paragraphs 64-69 of the Consent Decree with respect to EPA's determination that the present financial assurance mechanism is inadequate under the terms of the Consent Decree.

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Please indicate the United States' and the State of Montana's assent to this modification by signing the enclosed agreements and returning the fully executed document to me. Please contact me at (202) 942-5705 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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ACCEPTED AND AGREED:

FOR THE UNITED STATES:

Date: 10/19/2010




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FOR THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Date: 10-19-10



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FOR ATLANTIC RICHFIELD COMPANY:

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